

RE: Urgent — Re: Globe query re: tow trucks and Emergencies Act

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I have examples of companies refusing. The issue is that she's not asking for that, she's asking for examples of the Act compelling them to do it.

CBSA says they have nothing.

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We didn't get briefed by OPS or OPP before we invoked the act. Our POC was RCMP and they told us we couldn't get trucks.

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This is what I got from them "Hi – I can't see us responding as OPS was the lead in this operation – but I will ask."

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Can you bounce to Rcmp ?

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Government of Canada
Tel: [REDACTED]

Chef de Cabinet, Cabinet du ministre de la Sécurité publique
Gouvernement du Canada
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On Feb 25, 2022, at 12:26 PM, Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca> wrote:

The Globe is looking for specific examples of tow trucks refusing to assist and the EA compelling them to. Our dept sent them to the Ottawa Police, who sent them to the OPP, who said this: *"While we have seen anecdotal information regarding threats to tow company operators for providing towing services at the demonstration sites. No tow companies refused to assist."*

This puts us in a difficult position as the PM and others have said several times that this is an important part of why we need the EA.

I can tell her on background that tow trucks refused to help in Coutts, but I don't really have much beyond that. If anyone has further knowledge that would be wonderful!

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Hi Nic,

I am circling back with a follow up question, and have CC'd the PMO here as well.

I did each out to Ottawa Police with my questions as suggested, and my query was ultimately redirected to the OPP. They said in response to these questions that the Act was not used, because *"While we have seen anecdotal information regarding threats to tow*

company operators for providing towing services at the demonstration sites. No tow companies refused to assist."

This seems to contradict what Prime Minister Trudeau has said in press conferences, including on Monday when he cited towing as a specific example of something that would have not otherwise been possible without the Act. Can you please provide an example of a case where a company was compelled to do this, or other work, under the Act?

I am happy to chat on the phone, if easier. You can reach me on my cell, included below.

Thank you,

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Hi Molly,

Thanks for writing to Public Safety.

These questions are better directed to the Ottawa Police Service. You can contact them at by phone at 613-236-1222, ext. 5366.

Thanks,

Nic Defalco

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Hi there,

I am a reporter with the Globe and Mail and have a few questions about the tow trucks hired to tow vehicles from the protest this past weekend. Can you please tell me:

1. How many companies did you contract to do this work, and which ones? How many tow trucks and drivers were required?
2. Was the Emergencies Act used to compel them to do this work? Or did they agree voluntarily to do this work?
3. What did it cost to have these vehicles towed?
4. Who was billed for the tows? The federal government?

I've CC'd a few of you here, so am hoping one of you can assist me -- but if I've sent this to the wrong contact, my apologies. Please feel free to redirect me.

Thank you,

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